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Introduction by HARLOW DORMER, Secretary

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To keep a record of club membership and accomplishments and to place this record in the hands of every member, we have taken

advantage of an offer to use TRAILS MAGAZINE for our annual publication.

Also in this Year Book we will include, as far as space will permit, articles by leading authorities on skiing, skiing equipment and ski contests throughout the west.

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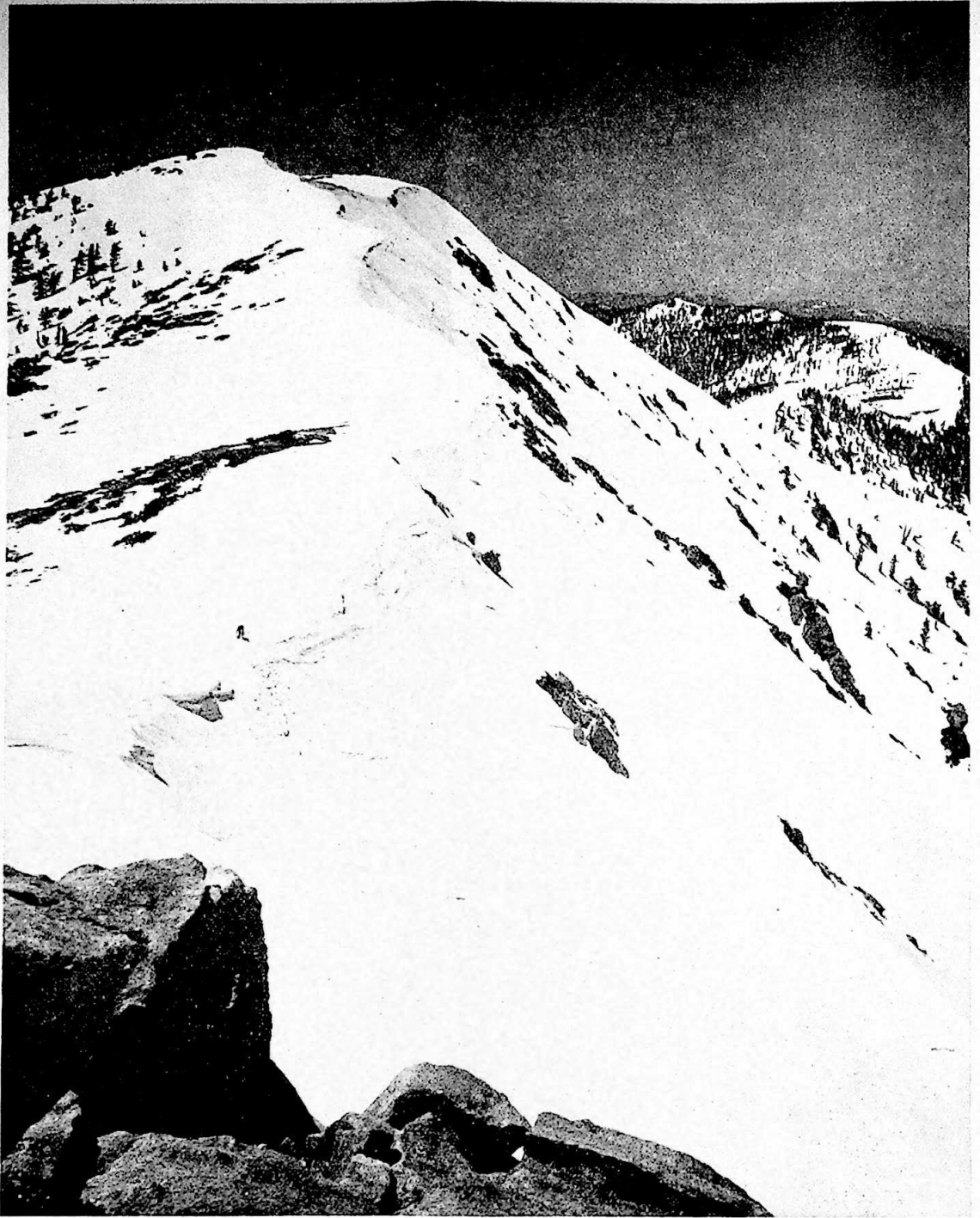
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The snow-crowned summit of Mt. San Geronio. Elevation 11,485 feet. April 1937. Left center, the head of the "Big Draw," one the grandest Ski Hills in the world.



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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Without our closely encircling mountain ranges the Southern California of today could never have been; unless we can protect their forests and streams, while we enjoy their maximum recreation possibilities, the Southern California which we have visioned can never be.

The grandeur of that great mountain wall, so close to our homes and business and the recreational use which is made of it, are mind and body builders. Its beautiful forests, towering peaks, tumbling streams and canyon gorges, if rightly used, may be a tremendous influence in the character of a people and the fineness of their ideals.

Its planning, building, protection and publicizing must go together, hand in hand. A Department of Recreation is just as essential as a department of protection. The greatest safeguard the forest can have is a host of friends working for its preservation and protected development. What better way to

make friends than by helping them have a better time? What better way to make good citizens than by helping them make that recreation time a real benefit physically, mentally and morally?

It is willing acquiescence and intelligent support which make the forest regulations effective, rather than the "thou shalt not" of the rules themselves.

The County Department of Recreation by a carefully planned system of education and up-to-date information, assists in making those rules effective and that effect cumulative as it extends from friend to friend.

Our forested mountains and their intelligent use are not only vital to the continued growth and prosperity of Los Angeles County, but also vital to the continued good health and happiness of her people. They may be made to solve many serious and vexing problems in the control of adolescent youth; may be a cure for much of adult leisure time unrest.

Their possible value in the solving of many social and community problems is worthy of far greater attention and support from those who have the ordering of public affairs.

LET'S PLAY SAFE

Again we bring you snow-filled forests, tumbling, ice-bound streams, great white slopes, the sparkling fairyland of the high country, and SKIING, the king of snow sports. We bring you stories of the Top-of-the-World, filled with the joy, the health, the sparkle and color of vibrant life, of winter pastimes usually associated with colder climes.

There is another picture which we might paint; a picture of too little understanding of that frozen high country buried deep in snow and ice, of inadequate preparation, of carelessness, of foolhardy daring, of crushed bodies which can never again climb the mountain, of joyous young lives prematurely snuffed out; we are thinking of more terrible things but we don't like to say them.

You owe it to yourselves, to your families and friends, to the Rangers and rescue crews, who every winter endanger their lives for some of you, to be properly trained, adequately equipped and to carefully avoid points of obvious danger.

Play fair with your mountains and they will be wonderfully good to you.



—Photo by Bob Brinton
Ski Touring—Who wouldn't thrill to scenes like this?

SKI TOURING AND SKI MOUNTAINEERING

By GLEN DAWSON

Ski touring offers all the joys of summer travel in the mountains plus the ecstatic thrill of downhill running on skis.

Never will I forget an April run from Whitney-Russell Pass to Whitney Portal, from 13,300 to 8,300 feet elevation without taking off our skis. It was equal to the best skiing to be found anywhere and we were running for the first time. Five of us had spent two nights near Crabtree Meadows, and after a hard pull up to the Pass we adjusted our packs for the run back to our car.

From the cold, biting wind of the Pass we swished down in new snow across the East Face Lake buried under snow and ice, then like flies on a wall we linked turns down to the moraine of what is left of Whitney Glacier, then through gullies where we shot down, checking our speed by running up the side to turn and zoom across the other. From the steep, wide, open slopes above Clyde's Meadow, admiring our tracks and recounting our spills, we dove down into the trees still gasping for breath.

The steep ravine, in summer a tangled mass

of willow and talus, was deep with ideal spring snow. Swinging our turns, weaving in and out among the trees, down a twenty-foot wide ledge of snow with a rock wall on one side and the rushing stream on the other, across avalanche slopes, through narrow corridors, between towering rocks, turning, turning, down, down—down out of the falling snow into Owens Valley with the warm breath of summer already in the air.

There are two types of ski tours: first, day trips from one's car or from a hut, or between huts where only a minimum of equipment need be carried, and second, tours where camp must be made on the snow, carrying tent, "mummy case," sleeping bag and primus stove. Only by this latter method can the fastnesses of the High Sierras be visited in winter. Every item of equipment must be studied to give maximum service and to keep within a load of about 25 pounds.

In Southern California the opportunities are only beginning to be explored, and so far this type of touring has not been attempted except in the San Geronio area, as most skiers

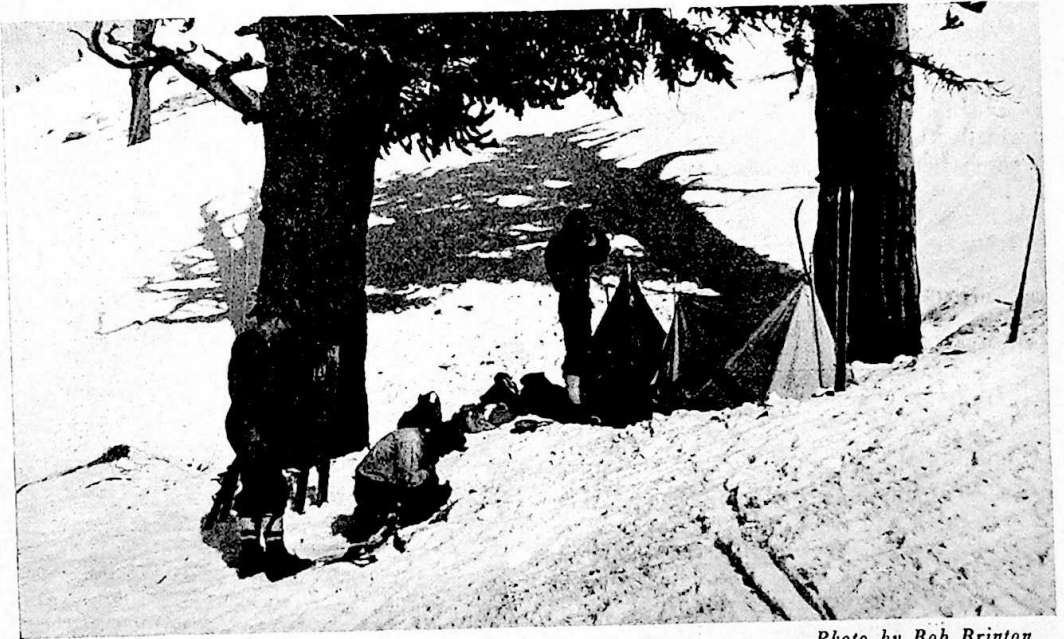
consider back packing as something to be avoided whenever good skiing can be obtained without it. Here the best tours are possible within the limits of a single day and a growing number from Los Angeles and vicinity are to be found skiing every week-end during the season. Three suggested tours are ascents of Keller Peak, Mount San Antonio, and Mount San Gorgonio.

One of the easiest tours is to the top of Keller Peak. A cleared area for parking at Snow Valley on the Rim of the World Highway between Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear Lake, a Ski Tow, the New Sierra Club Ski Hut, and Otto Steiner's Ski School are all helping to make this a real ski center, although it was pioneered only a few years ago by Eddie Juan and Walter Lier. The skier may follow a Forest Service Road which leads up the canyon east of the Ski Tow (6750) and then south over rolling country three and a half miles to the Forest Lookout on Keller Peak (7863) with a glorious view of the cities and orange groves of San Bernardino Valley. With the cutting of underbrush this area will be much improved, but even now in heavy snow there are many variations possible.

A tour requiring a fair degree of skiing skill is the ascent of Mount San Antonio or "Baldy." Above Snow Crest Camp in San Antonio Canyon, and about 150 yards beyond

the turn at San Antonio Falls, a wooden stairway against the north bank leads to a steep trail which skirts the north slope of Gold Ridge Canyon two and a half miles to the Sierra Club Ski Hut. On the far side of an irregular bowl is the "Slalom Hill," a huge open slope. From the top of this slope the route diagonals upward to a small canyon behind the pinnacles above the bowl, and on to the summit, 10,080 feet in elevation, the highest peak of the San Gabriel Mountains, with a view from the Channel Islands to the High Sierra. Under favorable conditions it is possible to ski over Pine Mountain and Blue Ridge to Big Pines Playground, but this tour has seldom, if ever, been completed.

The north side of Mount San Gorgonio in the San Bernardino Mountains is generally recognized as the best skiing and the longest season of any in Southern California. The late Walter Mosauer said that the "Big Draw" run reminded him of his favorite run in his native Austria. At present no ski huts are permitted in this region, so only late in the spring do skiers venture to camp at the lower edge of the South Fork Meadows (Valley of the Thousand Springs). The Forest Service is now surveying this area and it is possible permits for ski huts will be issued in the near future.



A Ski Tour Camp Near the Timber-line

—Photo by Bob Brinton

Here, as in the High Sierra, after a fresh snowfall, or on warm days, one must consider the question of avalanches. The route from Barton Flats to the summit is not marked and it is advisable to go with some one who has made the trip before. The last mile of the climb from the top of the Big Draw is often wind-blown, but usually the skier has the pleasure of wearing his sealskins (a climbing device almost essential for major tours) to the highest point in Southern California, 11,485 feet. In one direction the shore of Salton Sea may be seen shimmering in the desert sun, the Pacific Ocean in the other. To the north, beyond the blue waters of Big Bear Lake is the mysterious Mojave Desert and snow covered San Antonio and San Jacinto are two of the many peaks on the skyline. The run down is full of variety, long slopes to "schuss," steep slopes and wooded slopes.

Skiing is still a growing sport in Southern California and we are only beginning to develop a standard of skiing ability to make real tours possible. There are many runs yet to be discovered and others which could be developed by clearing trails. On rare occasions of very heavy snow there is remarkably good skiing in such surprising places as on Mount Lukens back of La Crescenta or near Gorman on the Ridge Route. Helen Henderson is planning ski excursions for this winter from Palm Springs into the San Jacinto Mountains.

What Southern California snow fields lack in latitude is made up by altitude. Skiable snow is normally found only above 6,000 feet, dependable snow above 8,000 and the season normally lasts from January to May. Fortunately the High Sierra is also accessible even for a week-end, to lengthen the season for Southern Californians. Few large cities are so fortunately situated for ski mountaineers as Los Angeles. There is still lots of room on the snow, so I hope that I will see you this winter.

SKI HEIL!

OUR COVER PICTURE

Trails Magazine appreciates the privilege of using this beautiful photo by Claire N. Fuller, member of the Los Angeles Camera Club. Under the title "Sky High" it has attracted well deserved attention wherever exhibited. Picturing action on one of the tops of the world, it also typifies that art which is, without question, tops in snow sports. Titles by our Staff Artist, Will G. Norris.

WOODEN WINGS

This little poem is humbly dedicated to Walter Mosauer, the real pioneer of skiing popularity in Southern California and founder of the Ski Mountaineers.



In Dr. Mosauer's untimely death, skiing lost one of its most ardent devotees, young skiers a skillful and willing instructor and Trails Magazine a valued friend and contributor.

In these few verses the author has made an inadequate attempt to embody that love of the snow buried high places and the swing and speed of the downhill run, with which he inspired a host of friends and comrades.

I glide through a sparkling fairyland
On my polished wooden wings,
And the pulsing, thrilling, joy of flight
Through my every fibre sings.
Every rock and tree seems to beckon to me
In this glistening world of mine,
While my way leads on to a "Sky High" crest,
Up there above timber-line.

Alone now I stand on a summit grand,
A bit of life midst a world of snow;
A-tremble with joy for the downward run,
Un-afraid of what lies below.
From the deep drifted rim of a sky piercing ledge,
On "powder snow" that sparkles and sings,
With a thrill of delight I'm off on my flight
Trusting all to my wooden wings.

With curve, dip and swing, like a bird on the wing,
I take slope, hollow and ridge as I may,
While beautiful forests, like a veil, dimly hide
Fairy glades which I pass on my way;
And in a snow mantled valley, way down below,
With the pride which accomplishment brings,
With eyes a-sparkle and cheeks all aglow
Glide to a stop on my wooden wings.

—WILL H. THRALL.

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SKI AGAINST STOPWATCH

By WOLFGANG LERT

Gone are the days when ski competition and ski jumping meant the same thing to every Southern Californian. Instead, those who used to watch only as breathless spectators today are active participants in the sport. They not only have become interested in watching the many forms of ski competition, but themselves in increasing numbers take part in those exercises that fit their ability and liking.

Jumping, of course, still holds a high place in the favor of the public. Therefore it might not be amiss at this point to remind spectators that in this form of competition distance only accounts for half the points given the jumper. Perfect style is just as important. But because long distance is usually the result of good form, the two factors thus going hand in hand, the average spectator is apt to forget that the measuring rod is not the only judge.

Besides jumping, the Scandinavians have given the "langlauf," or cross-country race, to the wintersports enthusiast. One try at it, and you will be convinced that the "lang" really does mean "long." Though the standard racing distances are 18 kilometers (about 11 miles) and 50 kilometers (about 31), the Norsemen in their home countries hold even

longer races. These cross-country runs demand not only great technical ability in climbing, gliding on the level, and downhill running, but also an iron constitution and the most thorough and meticulous training. The manner of waxing becomes a great, and very often secret, science, formulas being handed down from one generation of langlaufers to the next. Only the man who can keep his equipment and himself in perfect shape, whose technique allows him to run for hours without a waste motion, achieves success in this field. Often the short cross-country race and the jumping are combined, forming a difficult test of varied ability.

Introduced to Southern California at an intercollegiate meet between U.C.L.A. and Santa Monica J. C. at Keller Peak last spring was a contest closely related to the langlauf. The relay race, testing the composite ability of a team, is bound to gain popularity here as elsewhere, being especially suitable for team meets. Known mainly in Central Europe is the patrol race, a langlauf in which a patrol of soldiers, loaded with heavy packs and guns, not only race cross-country, but also have to shoot at targets during the race. A rucksack-



—Photo by Ethel Severson
Wolfgang Lert does a fast one on Big Pines Slalom Course



—Photo by Harlow Dormer
The Slalom Course at Big Pine

patrol race might be a usable adaptation for local ski mountaineers.

Not too many years ago collegians, taking part in the Winter Sports Pentathlon at Big Pine, tried to wriggle themselves and their skis through barrels. Though the proceedings may have been very amusing to the spectators, this kind of obstacle race was not apt to simulate conditions which the racers would encounter during their ski trips, at least not during the hours of early forenoon. It is in great part due to the tireless work of enthusiasts like Dr. Walter Mosauer, Lester La Velle, and Otto Steiner that the more valuable and thrilling downhill and slalom contests were introduced. Related forms of competition, like the no-fall race, roped racing, and the Giant

Slalom, a cross between downhill and slalom, may also become popular as the number of contests and contestants increases.

Of all ski races the downhill, combining skill and daring to the highest degree, is probably the most thrilling, both for the racer and the spectator. That tense nervousness, that empty feeling in the legs, till the starter barks "Go!", then the concentration on the well-studied track; the straining of the eyes, burning from the pressure of the wind, to catch every bump and relay the warning to brain and legs; the struggle to keep the fluttering and chattering boards together; stretching out and leaning forward on the air, like a gliding bird, when shooting down that long, steep hill; the sensation of silence and the sudden realization that the breath is coming in gasps after the finish is passed. Equally thrilling is the impression for the onlooker: the tense racer, hunched forward over his ski tips, hissing by in a long-drawn tempo turn.

While downhill races have been held at Big Pine and Keller Peak, the course on which the Ski Mountaineers of the Sierra Club have held their annual Baldy race since 1935, starting from the summit of Mt. San Antonio and ending at the Ski Mountaineer Hut, giving over 1500 feet descent in about two miles, must be considered as by far the best and toughest course available at present in Southern California. Only this year's flood prevented the regular attacks upon Otto Steiner's course record of less than three minutes.

The slalom race through a course of intricately set flags is the supreme test of skill, clean skiing, grace, and rhythm. Nothing satisfies the esthetic sensibilities like the sight of a good skier dancing down the slalom course. Though many races had to be called off this spring because of damaged roads, a high point for Southland slalom fans was reached with the meet between U.C.L.A. and the championship aggregation from the University of Munich.

While ski jumping should be reserved for the expert, real cross-country requires serious training, and uncontrolled downhill racing beyond one's ability will lead to injury. Let me advocate at least a little slalom for every skier, from beginner to expert. Next time you are practicing your turns, be they snow-plow or tempo, stick a few branches into the snow and start your slalom! What is thus learned in play will soon prove its worth in helping you explore easily and with confidence, the winter wonder world.

NOW WE HAVE EVERYTHING

By ETHEL SEVERSON

"It isn't really true that there's skiing near Los Angeles, is it?"

That was the question put to me by a skier from Mount Rainier, who had begun his skiing in the East. We were watching such racers as Durrance, Beutter and Prager storm down the course at the International Open Tournament in Sun Valley last March.

"Why, certainly, there's skiing within fifty miles of the city—good skiing. We drive right through the orange groves to the snow."

"You actually mean," his face registered incredulity, "that you can pick an orange off a tree one hour, and eat it while you're skiing within the next hour?"

It was apparent that to him such a state of affairs seemed little short of Utopian. When I assured him it was all true, he shook his head and grinned. "Now Southern California can claim to have everything?" he said.

We may seem a bit smug if we agree with him—but facts are facts. If we may be allowed to pat ourselves on the backs, or perhaps a better way to put it would be to "count our

blessings," let us review what we have.

At least three months of the year we have good skiing at not one but a number of beautiful areas within an approximate hundred-mile radius of Los Angeles. The excellent slopes of Mount San Antonio are but fifty miles from the city. At the higher elevations we have skiing about six months of the year. The attractive skiing areas of Big Pines, Lake Arrowhead, Keller Peak and Big Bear Lake are easily accessible by good roads.

Every time we go skiing we have the novel and unfailingly delightful experience of driving from a sub-tropical city, through fragrant orange groves, through walnut groves and vineyards, along boulevards lushly bordered with flowers—of viewing our promised land of snow-covered mountains through unbelievable rows of palms and eucalyptus. We are given a contrast that is not possible in any other skiable part of the country. From the snow-clad summits of Mount San Gorgonio and Mount San Antonio, we may view the desert on one side and the ocean on the other.



The Beautiful Ski Runs at Keller Peak —Photo by Ethel Severson



The great Ski Hill of Mt. San Antonio viewed

While we are not likely ever to become so blasé as not to find a thrill in these departures from the ordinary, it is quite possible we do not realize quite how uniquely we are situated among the ski centers of the United States. Only now and then an incredulous remark, such as that of the skier who had experienced the East, the Pacific Northwest, and Sun Valley, reminds us of our amazing good fortune.

It is true that our season at the more accessible points is not usually long, but perhaps our appreciation is sharpened and our enjoyment intensified by the very fact that we have a longer period of anticipation and a shorter period of realization than some other parts of the West. Actually, we can count on far more skiing here in Southern California than can skiers in the Middle West and in the East.

Our skiing, too, is distinguished by the crowning blessing of dependably fine weather. For weeks in the spring particularly there is almost unfailing sunshine, giving our days in the snowfields an extra measure of the health-giving element.

And the length of our expected season is doubled for those who number in their ski-repertoire the two greatest ski mountains of Southern California—San Antonio and San Geronio. Throughout April and May these two mountains play host to the more rugged and rabid skiers who aren't afraid to do a bit of "roughing it" for the sake of their favorite sport. Even in the month of June the wonderful north slope of San Geronio is often skiable. On the fifth day of last June, several of us had a memorable run from the top of the "Big Draw" at about 11,000 feet to a



from the Hut of the Ski Mountaineers

—Photo by Ethel Severson

point some 1500 feet below. At that time it looked as though there might be skiing for the Fourth of July, and there were some who did ski there on the Fourth.

Does this sound like we have an inadequate season for skiing? Rather, it makes us wonder why we aren't all out beating the drums and telling the world what we have—in the most approved California fashion!

While we are feeling self-congratulatory over having ten-thousand-foot peaks in our very backyards, we should remember, too, that we still are far from making the most of these superlative assets.

We in Southern California were among the last to take up skiing. Despite this, enthusiasm has been contagious, and excellent progress has been made in the beginning of developments and in spreading the good word

among the sports-loving people of the south. Judging by last season's demonstrations, it seems as though the last "Doubting Thomas" must have succumbed to the lure of the slippery slats, the feathered hat, and the Martian goggles—not to mention the pocketful of ski wax, chocolate and gadgets, so reminiscent of schoolday pocket museums. But we are, after all, only in the beginning, and much can be done to keep us going in the right direction. Let us consider a few of our needs.

There is a great and growing need for proper instruction in skiing, not only to promote the fullest enjoyment of the sport, but also to give that enjoyment the fullest possible measure of safety.

Those who have learned to ski the hard way, by the hit-and-miss trial-and-error method, without instruction except a helpful word



The great Ski Hill of Mt. San Antonio viewed from the Hut of the Ski Mountaineers

—Photo by Ethel Severson

now and then from an occasional good skier, know how fortunate is the skier who starts from the beginning under the tutelage of a competent instructor. Skiing, while not difficult for the average person to learn, loses much of its simplicity if one does not have the proper guidance and criticism in the learning stages. It is possible to learn things the wrong way so thoroughly that it is far more difficult to unlearn them than to start completely from scratch.

One chap, newly enrolled in a ski class in Sun Valley, had been skiing for eight or nine years and could not make his turns properly. "I get around somehow, but not the right way," he confessed.

He could make telemarks only to the left, and christies only to the right. He had never before had any formal instruction and was going through an agonizing period of unlearning bad habits which had been retarding his progress through years of skiing.

With regular instruction it is possible to learn to ski adequately for ordinary ski-touring within a very short time. Competent instruction and persistent practice will make a fair skier in about two weeks of steady plugging. Such a skier will not be a whizz, of course,

but he has a solid groundwork that enables him to go ahead on his own with confidence and the satisfaction of knowing he has had the right start.

Controlled skiing, such as is developed under proper instruction, is the best preventive of skiing accidents. The era of the schuss-boom skier is definitely on the wane; no longer can he be sure of a gaping audience to admire his "dairng" as he tears badly down a slope at the highest possible speed and with the least possible control, wildly waving his arms, and threatening bystanders with collision and bayonetting. The rhythm and grace of controlled skiing is a far lovelier thing to see, and a far more deeply satisfying experience to the skier.

Many ski clubs and individual skiers are giving attention to courses in first-aid, believing that a working knowledge of how to deal with sprained ankles, broken bones, freezing, and other possible mishaps, in the interim before a doctor can be reached, is part of their training as skiers. The Sierra Club in particular is stressing this type of training.

Skiing need not be a dangerous sport, despite sensational publicity to the contrary, but because of its nature, any accident that might occur is seldom within easy reach of profes-



—Photo by Ethel Severson
Near the summit of Mt. San Gorgonio—June 5, 1938

sional medical attention. Hence the desirability of knowing something about first-aid becomes apparent. It is hoped that eventually there will be a First-Aid Station at every winter sports center. Some definite type of supervision, too, at each playground, would be a safety aid.

There will be a minimum of accidents in skiing as the public learns about controlled skiing, and with the many ski schools and instructors now available in the West no one need be without this advantage. It is estimated that ninety percent of all skiing accidents are caused by recklessness in skiing beyond one's ability and by skiing when too tired, at the end of the day.

Tobogganing, which still has a few devotees who have not turned to the more scientific and individually satisfying sport of skiing, is a hazard to skiers when not restricted to slopes segregated from the ski slopes. This is a matter which should have the serious attention of those who control winter sports areas. The collision of a toboggan with a skier is no laughing matter.

The popularity of skiing here in the South is booming to the point where already we feel the need of more area accessible to skiers. Keller Peak, just made known to the public last season, was thronged every week-end. Big Bear and Big Pines had large crowds. San Antonio's upper slopes drew smaller numbers because of the two-mile climb necessary to reach the better slopes. San Geronio, the finest skiing area in Southern California, with its north slopes that are superb enough to thrill the heart of any skier, probably has never had more than seventy-five skiers on its slopes in a single week-end, usually a much smaller number.

Those who are determined to ski on this mountain must walk three or four miles to reach even the first of the snow fields suitable for skiing, and if they want to avoid repeating this walk the following day, must carry on their backs sleeping bags, food and equipment for camping in the snow. This is high adventure, and worth while to any skier who loves the mountain and is rugged enough to "take it." But the time seems to be at hand when San Geronio should be made more accessible, and accommodations should be permitted to be built near the snowfields. When San Geronio is made more easily available, Southern California will take a long step forward in the winter sports world.

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The newspapers of the Pacific Northwest, Utah, Idaho and northern California have found a wealth of interesting material in skiing, slalom and downhill skiing, and signs of similar interest are appearing in southern California newspapers, replacing the hackneyed "bathing beauties in the snow" and "spills." This is a good sign, for the assistance of newspapers in developing winter sports is of immeasurable importance.

Along with it all, let's not take our skiing too seriously, so seriously that we become a little grim about it. We all have dark moments when the mastery of the stem-christie seems just too elusive, and days when our powers of coordination seem to be nil, but we shouldn't lose our perspective to the extent that we forget that skiing is the most joyous, light-hearted sport in the world, that its soul is rhythm, its accomplishment music, and its impetus a gay heart.

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- Feb. 18-19—Exhibition ski jumping, Big Pines Ski Club Badge tests in second, third and fourth classes.
- Feb. 25-26—Big Pines Ski Club badge tests given in all classes, ski tours, tobogganing, etc.
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- Jan. 14-15—Big Pines Ski Club, jumping at Big Pines.
- Jan. 21-22—Arrowhead Ski Club, Open Meet Olympic Coliseum.
- Jan. 28-29—Los Angeles Ski Club, International Ski Jumping Tournament at Big Pines.
- Feb. 4-5—Pacific Coast Intercollegiates at Yosemite.
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- Mar. 4-5—Sonora Ski Club, Downhill and Slalom, Cold Springs, California.
- Mar. 11-12—Viking Ski Club, Invitational Downhill, Slalom and Jumping.
- Mar. 17-18—Kandahar Race for Sierra Club Trophy.
- Mar. 17-18—Big Pines, Downhill and Slalom.
- Mar. 25-26—State Championships, Downhill and Slalom Combined, and Cross Country, at McGee Creek.
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We are justly proud of our accomplishments at the headquarters site. Each year has brought some major addition demanded by the requirements of our members, and our expansive program continues year by year, keeping pace with the enormous developments in winter sports activities.

SKI TRAILS AT BIG PINES

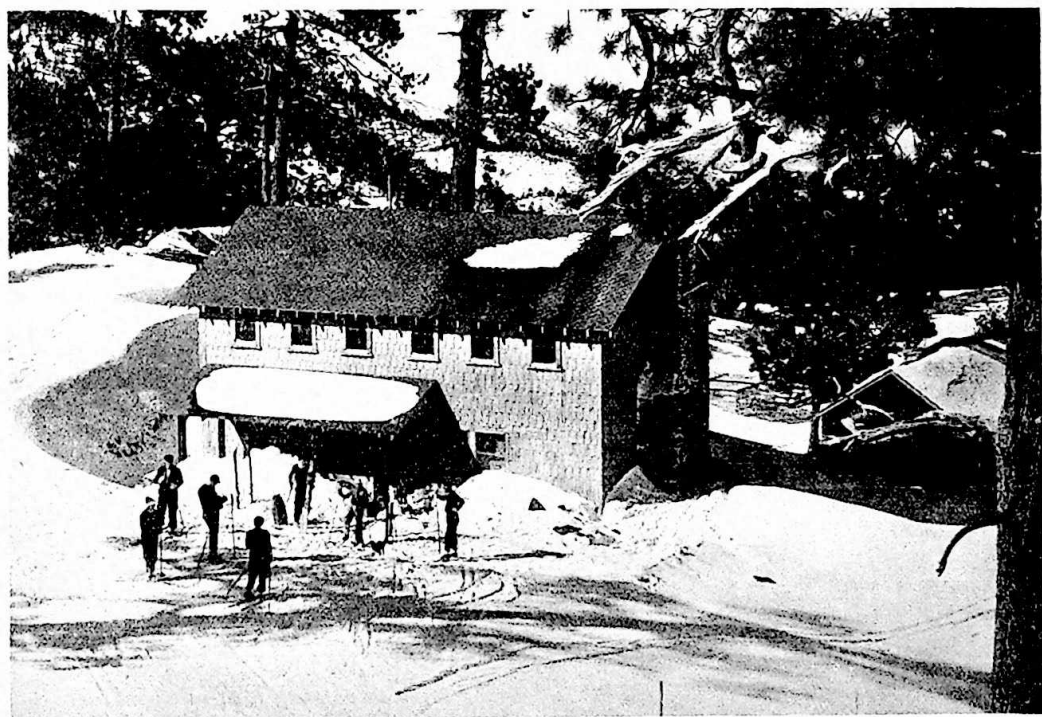
These trails reach all parts of the Big Pines area, are from one hundred to three hundred feet in width, clear of timber, brush and stumps and are among the best and safest in Southern California. They vary in length from one and one-half to five miles, with grades to suit all, from beginner to expert. In beauty of surrounding forest and grandeur of winter scenery there are none finer.

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FIFTH ANNUAL BIG PINES MARATHON MAKES HISTORY

It was a wild night on the mountain top, with winter temperatures and a gale of wind, a night which will be long remembered by both the contestants and those in charge of the checking and radio stations.

Out of thirteen starters only six finished and every one of the six, regardless of time, is deserving of special mention. It certainly took moral as well as physical courage to start back on that 20-mile grind over the mountain from Crystal Lake to Big Pines, knowing full well what they must face on that long hike across the summits.

Charles Melhorn, popular member of the Big Pines Ski Club and a splendid athlete, third in the 1937 race, was out to win and it would have taken a mighty good man to head him on that 10-mile finish from the towering summit of Mt. Baden-Powell to the finish line at Davidson Arch.

Don Wood, entered for the 49th Battalion U. S. Marine Corps Reserves, second in 1937, was a dangerous contender at every stage of the race. He was on, or within a very few minutes of, his set schedule at every point, his powerful limbs, hardened by hundreds of miles on the trail, were working like a machine and it was interesting to see him finish the last mile with the same stride and speed as the first.

Ted Baker, the Roamer Hiking Club entry, was also profiting by his experience in the 1937 race, when if he had continued he would have been fourth. Steady plugging and good head work brought him in third and won for him, besides the satisfaction of achievement, a little keepsake which he will always cherish.

Paul Estes, San Antonio Club entry, fourth, and Dick Olson, fifth, both with a chance, and both of whom lost to Baker by taking too long a rest on Baden-Powell, gained experience which should be a big help in next year's race. The last to finish, Edward Fries, 170 pounds, was the heaviest man in the race and came in looking remarkably fit at 9:22 a.m.

The route of this year's race was over the summits of the San Gabriel Range from Big Pines to Crystal Lake and return. Total distance, 40 miles. Highest point, Mt. Baden-Powell, 9399 feet. Lowest point, Crystal Lake Ranger Station, 5655 feet. Total climb, all up grades, figured from the latest U.S.G.S.

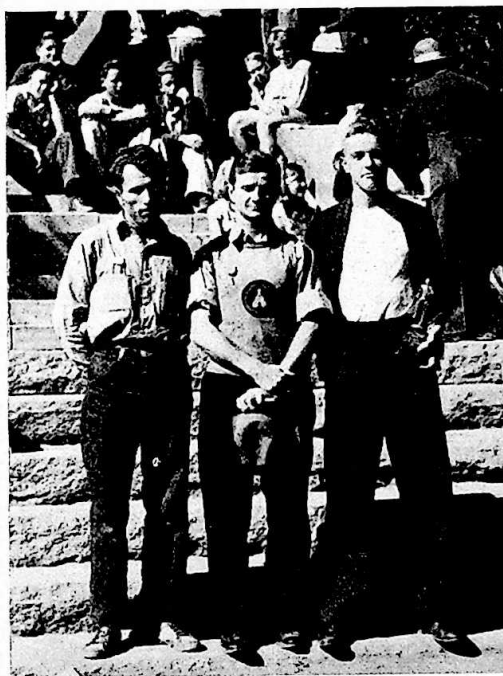
survey, about 10,000 feet. The time of the three winners was: Melhorn, 9 hours and 23 minutes; Wood, 9 hours and 40 minutes; Baker, 13 hours and 51 minutes.

On Sunday afternoon following the race, before an interested audience of several hundred gathered on the porch and about the Recreation Hall at Big Pines, the beautiful Trails Magazine Trophy was presented to the winner, with appropriate prizes, furnished by Big Pines Ski Club, for second and third place. It was announced that a duplicate "First Place" trophy would be presented by Trails Magazine to Paul V. Engelhardt, three times winner in 1934, 1935 and 1936.

Amateur Radio

Plays an Important Part

The Communications Division of the San Gabriel Valley Disaster Relief, operating under the California Forestry Medical Corps, composed of a group of radio amateurs, was



The winners—Right to left, Charles Melhorn, first; Don Wood, second; Ted Baker, third.

called on to take charge of the communication. The assignment was carried out with accuracy and precision and the test is acclaimed as being the best to date.

Confronted with a new problem of towering peaks, deep canyons and intervening ridges, forest maps were carefully studied and many tests made before definite stations could be selected. It was found that five mobile units would be necessary, a unit consisting of an operator with the radio transmitter and receiver installed in his car.

Willis Humphreys, "W6NZN," was stationed at about 8000 feet elevation on East Blue Ridge in Big Pines Playground; Edward Schwartz, "W6GPU," at the extreme west end of Blue Ridge; Allen Hollinger, "W6OTF," at a high point on the Little Dalton Road to San Gabriel Canyon; Robert Lord, "W6LDK," to Crystal Lake Playground, and Robert Spicer, "W6JAU," operated a portable unit at various locations along the Blue Ridge as it became necessary during the progress of the race.

At 5:00 p.m., a half-hour before the start, these five units had established 100% communication between all points, and this was maintained during the entire race. Through these messages first aid was given the runners and an accurate check kept of their location.

The only casualty was not to a contestant but to a trail worker who fell from a 200 foot cliff in Mine Gulch, four miles from the course and in a position difficult to reach. A portable transmitter was back-packed to the location and, on finding that the accident was fatal, the necessary arrangements were made by radio for the removal of the body.

Much of the success of this great race is attributed to the fact that at all times the race officials were kept informed of the position and condition of each runner, possible only through radio communication. The result of the test indicates very clearly the value of this type of communication and the perfection with which the assignment was handled reflects the preparedness and ever-progressing activity of radio amateurs as a whole.

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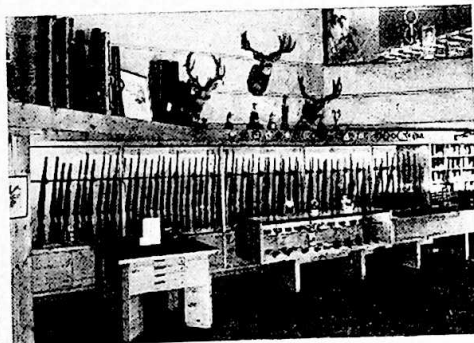
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Outing Club News

ROCK CLIMBING SECTION SIERRA CLUB

BUGABOO CLIMBS—On the first Canadian climbing expedition in the history of the Sierra Club, six RCS members made seven major climbs in British Columbia, during a 24-day, 4000-mile trip in August and September. Bob Brinton, Spencer Austin, Glen Dawson, Muir Dawson, Homer Fuller and Howard Gates scaled Bugaboo Spire and several other difficult peaks in the Bugaboo group, Purcell Range; Mt. Louis, imposing rock spire in the Rockies near Lake Louise and Banff, was also climbed. Four of the party ascended Mt. Victoria on the Continental Divide above Lake Louise, and two made a spectacular traverse across difficult and rotten rock to the North Peak, descending via the Upper Victoria Glacier.

The Bugaboo territory was the favorite climbing ground of the famous guide, Conrad Kain ("Where the Clouds Can Go"), and had been visited by three previous parties this season, including Wiesner of Waddington fame.

EAST FACE OF WHITNEY—Eleven RCS members roared up the east face of Mt. Whitney via the Pee-wee-Sunshine route over Labor Day. Ropes consisted of Howard Koster (trip leader), Wayland Gilbert and George Templeton; Chet Errett and Ray Ingwersen; Don McGeein and Ruth Dyar; Walter Hennies and George Wilkens; Johnny Mendenhall and Agnes Fair. The Pee-wee Sunshine route, pioneered in September 1937, had been previously climbed by only seven persons. About 25 have climbed the East Face of Whitney by the old East Face route, since 1931.

The Labor Day East Face party backpacked Saturday from Whitney Portal over Pinnacle Pass to East Face Lake, where camp was made at 12,800 feet, a thousand feet above timberline, in a hailstorm and freezing temperatures. After the Face climb Sunday, climbers descended by the Mountaineers' Route to East Face Lake, and backpacked down to Mirror Lake that evening.

TAHQUITZ—Biggest event in season's climbing at Tahquitz (Lily) Rock at San Jacinto was pioneering of two magnificent new routes. The first, the Traitor Horn, lies between the Booksellers' (Mechanics') Route

and the Finger-Tip Traverse, and goes directly over the large bulge on the South Ridge. Traversing underneath the overhang, the route goes over one jutting horn, and up with direct aid to another, a tough 6th class pitch. First ascent, August 20, Jim Smith (leading), Art Johnson, Maxine Holton. The second new route, the Traitor Twin, follows 5th class sloping crack around the left corner of the Bulge, and joins the Traitor Horn Route above. First ascent, August 21, Carl Jensen (leading), Jim Smith, Doug McDonald.

The October 8-9 climb closed scheduled Tahquitz climbing for the season, with a second ascent of the spectacular Booksellers' Route by Carl Jensen and John Mendenhall; ascents of the White Maiden's Walk-Away up the North Buttress; and several ascents and first recorded descent of the notorious Finger-Tip Traverse.

BANQUET—RCS members will climax their climbing season with a Mountaineers' banquet November 4, at which the speaker will be Terris Moore, of the recently successful National Geographic Society's climb of Mt. Sanford in the Wrangell Range, Alaska.

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GLENDALE COMMUNITY HIKERS

The members of this very active outdoor organization have participated in several enjoyable events during the past month, among them a climb of Strawberry Peak, a moonlight party at Opid's Camp, a breakfast in Fern Dell, Griffith Park; a hike to Sturtevant Camp, and a Hallowe'en party.

The schedule for November and December includes the following: Sunday, October 30, a hike through Eaton Canyon. November 6, a Moonlight Mystery trip. November 13, a hike to Mt. Lowe. November 30, a hike and breakfast in the open. December 2, business meeting. December 7, Moonlight hike to Verdugo Peak. December 11, by Angeles Crest Highway to Carlton Flat with hike to Chilao. December 18, breakfast at the Elysian Park Pistol Range.

For information of this club's activities and the time and arrangements for trips, contact R. W. Haight, 420 South Lincoln Avenue, Glendale. Phone DOuglas 4872 or VAndike 8785.

SIERRA CLUB HAS TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL BANQUET

The Southern California Chapter of the Sierra Club held its twenty-sixth annual banquet and dance on October 14, at the Town and Gown Foyer, which is located on the campus of the University of Southern California. Principal speakers at the dinner were Dr. Hildebrand, President of the Sierra Club and Professor of Chemistry in the University of California; Dr. Matthes, noted for his work in the field of geology, and Mr. Terris Moore, whose work in the field of mountaineering is well known.

Starting from a small group in 1892, under the leadership of John Muir, the Sierra Club has become the largest mountaineering organization in the United States. At the present time there are four chapters in California—the San Francisco Bay chapter, the Loma Prieta chapter in San Jose, the Southern California chapter in Los Angeles and the Riverside chapter. At the present time the Southern California chapter has about eleven hundred members. The primary purpose of the Sierra Club has been the conservation of the natural resources of the State, the preservation of the wilderness areas for the enjoyment of the people and for posterity. Much favorable legislation protecting and preserving the natural resources and mountain areas can be directly traced to the efforts of the Sierra Club.

WOMEN'S ATHLETIC CLUB OF GLENDALE

The Hiking Department of the Women's Athletic Club started the season with a membership of thirty-four, with several more signifying their intention of joining. Leaders have been chosen for each month of the hiking season and are busy with their schedules.

October and November schedules include Dark Canyon trail to Oakwilde, Angeles Crest Highway to Switzer's, Fish Canyon, overnight trip to the desert home of Mrs. Florence Bacon, near Muroc Lake, Orchard Camp, a hike in Griffith Park and one up Trail Canyon.

This group hikes every Thursday during the club year. Many interesting hikes are promised later on. For information pertaining to the hiking section, write or phone, Mabel Havens, chairman of Hiking, 641 Pioneer Drive, Glendale. Phone DOuglas 8137.

ROAMER HIKING CLUB

Our new Fall schedule is just out and available to any one wishing a copy. A card or phone call to Miss Florence Kennett, 1727 E. 69th Street, Los Angeles—JEfferson 4015, will start one on its way to you.

Reviewing our recent past activities we recall our old-fashioned picnic held at Fernangeles Park in San Fernando Valley. Games, contests, prizes, ice cream and pop for all. Summer gave us weiner bakes, beach parties, moonlight hikes, and social gatherings, in addition to many fine hikes, the most memorable being our Labor Day hike to Mt. Baden-Powell.

Our new schedule contains features attractive to the hiker as well as the socially inclined. Hikes to Mt. Lowe, Frazier Mountain, Charlton Flat, Santa Susana Oaks, and for December 3 and 4 an overnight trip to Kelly's Camp. Another trip we anxiously look forward to is our hike to Sturtevant's Camp on January 8, 1939. Our Annual Mystery Hike is getting to be an event no member misses and our guests always equally enjoy. The "Annual Snow Trip," the destination of which the weather at the time dictates, is scheduled for February 5, 1939. A hike to Mt. Pacifico is scheduled for February 26.

For the socialites we schedule radio parties, a Hallowe'en party on October 29 at the Poinsettia Clubhouse, and a Christmas party, with Santa Claus and presents for all. This year the Christmas party will be held December 17 at the Trinity Episcopal church on Berendo street, near Melrose avenue. For the card enthusiast we have arranged for two bridge parties, one for November 16, and one for January 18. The Club's outstanding social function is its Anniversary Dinner Dance to be held at the Jonathan Club on February 11, 1939.

We earnestly solicit inquiries from all who are lovers of the mountains and interested in our endeavors to bring together those who appreciate and enjoy the works of Nature.

MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Mineralogical Society of Southern California is meeting on the second Monday night of each month at the Pasadena Public Library. The public is invited to the illustrated lectures on mineralogy, geology, gemology and related sciences. Mr. E. V. Van

Amringe of the geology department of Pasadena Junior College will speak at the November 14 meeting. His subject will be "Colored Highlights of Northern Arizona and Southern Utah," illustrated by slides and movies. Dr. Hoyt R. Gale of Pasadena Junior College will lead the field trip on November 20 to Pacoima Canyon. Wendell G. Stewart, Secretary, 108 E. Colorado Blvd., Monrovia.

SKI MOUNTAINEERS' SECTION SIERRA CLUB

SKI HUTS—The Ski Mountaineers' have spent the summer and autumn expanding and improving their ski hut system, in preparation for what is expected to be the biggest ski season in history.

The new Keller Peak Hut at Snow Valley, between Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear, built entirely by Section members, is virtually completed. It has two stories, a large basement, and a porch, and will have bunks for about 35 persons. Section Chairman, George O. Bauwens, has supervised construction.

Maintenance and reconstruction work has also gone forward on the San Antonio Ski Hut, located in San Antonio Canyon at about 9000 feet elevation, and reached by a steep two-mile trail from Snow Crest Camp. More than a mile of new trails has been built by Section members, to replace that demolished by last winter's floods.

SKI RALLY—All Southern California skiers, or would-be skiers, are invited to the Ski Mountaineers' sponsored ski rally November 16, at 8 p.m. Talks by famed skiers and mountaineers, information for the neophyte and the more experienced skier, ski movies, and ski music will fill the program.

FALTBOOTING—or fold boating is a new sport becoming popular in California which combines all the advantages, eliminates all the drawbacks, of canoe or kayak. A stable, inexpensive, and lightweight craft of collapsible wood framework and rubberized or canvas skin. The fold-boat dismantled in a few minutes, may easily be carried in an automobile or on a man's back, is remarkably safe, easy to build, and opens to exploration all the waterways of the State hitherto untouched.

Directions and blueprints for construction have been prepared under the direction of George O. Bauwens, Ski Mountaineer Section Chairman, and may be obtained at a nominal fee. Mr. Bauwens is organizing a group of those interested in this new sport.

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CALIFORNIA TRAILS

In the past few years the people of California have become increasingly "wilderness conscious," and more and more primitive areas are being set aside to remain always unspoiled. But the greatest wilderness in the state, the Sierra Nevada between Tioga Pass and Walker Pass, is still threatened with invasion—in fact, is actually being invaded by the Kings River Highway and the Porterville-Lone Pine Highway.

Thousands of names have been signed to petitions placed at pack stations, protesting the road-building policy of the Division of Highways, but work on the Kings River Road is still progressing steadily, construction has reached a point only a few miles from the Yosemite-like South Fork Canyon, and the gradual lengthening of the Trans-Sierra Road has been interrupted only intermittently and temporarily.

It is hoped that by arousing state officials to the public need and desire for more wilderness areas instead of more commercialized mountain and forest highways, California Trails can be instrumental in preserving California's last camper's paradise. The job is well started, but far from completed. More support is needed. Interested persons are asked to write to Martin Litton, 345 E. Redondo Blvd., Inglewood, California.

WOODCRAFT RANGERS

The Woodcraft Rangers' Camps—Lake Arrowhead Camp about eighty-two miles from Los Angeles, and Camp Ah-Da-Hi, located on the West Fork of the San Gabriel Canyon, two and one-half miles below Opid's Camp, were not touched by the heavy storms of last March.

During the Summer, Camp Ah-Da-Hi had many new improvements, such as new kitchen, toilet facilities, and thirty spring beds. This camp is filled on every school holiday and week-ends by various Woodcraft Rangers' Tribes.

Lake Arrowhead Camp offers the boys the opportunity of some real winter snow sports. Many new improvements have also been made there, so that the boys are assured of a warm, comfortable place during the winter months.

The Woodcraft Rangers recently formed a skiing club with headquarters at the Lake Arrowhead Camp. This club will be under the leadership of Vernon Johnson, a well-known amateur skier. Mr. Johnson has been

interested in the work of the Woodcraft Rangers for many years.

The Woodcraft Rangers were founded in 1902 by Ernest Thompson Seton, and the program published in the Ladies' Home Journal. In 1917 all the tribes or clubs throughout the United States were incorporated as the Woodcraft League of America. The Woodcraft Rangers are the Western Division of this National organization.

The program has no military features. It uses instead, Indian titles, organization and thought, and colors all it does with the ideals of our best Redman. It is a "Man-Making Scheme with a Blue-Sky Background." Unlike some of the other organizations, it does not deal with vocation but with avocation.

The objectives of the program are: First, your fun must not be bought with money. Make your fun; Woodcraft shows you how. Second, your fun must be enjoyed with due decorum. No one must be hurt in body, spirit or pocketbook. Third, the best fun is that which appeals to the imagination. Physical fun has its place, but its zest is apt to pass with one's youth; joy in the realm of the imagination grows with one's years, and increases with each indulgence in it. At the end of a long life, it means more than at the beginning.

There are 3,520 members in the Woodcraft Rangers here in Los Angeles, and 108 tribes or clubs meeting throughout the city. Executive headquarters are 110 West Eleventh St., Los Angeles. The National headquarters are now located in Santa Fe, New Mexico, with Ernest Thompson Seton as National Chief, and Harold L. Boynton, Executive Secretary.

THE NATURE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

This Club was organized April 9, 1923, "To study Bird, Animal, and Plant Life and other phases of Nature; To foster a greater love and appreciation of the beauties of Nature; To understand the economic value of natural resources and assist in their conservation." We conduct one lecture a week (except during July and August) and two or more field trips a month. Dues \$3.00 a year, payable to the Membership Chairman.

The Bulletin, containing list of events for the month, with Nature Notes, is issued monthly at Los Angeles, Calif. Mailing address, F. C. Davis, 1011 N. Louise St., Glendale, California. DOuglas 1244.

FOREST CONSERVATION CLUB

With the approach of Winter and the rainy season, one cannot forget the devastating havoc wrought in the mountains last March. Much work has been accomplished and we only hope that there will be no further damage by the coming rains.

An interesting two weeks' camping was enjoyed by members at the beautiful Red Meadows in the High Sierras last August. The high-light of the outing was a trip by pack train to the Minarettes. The splendor of the wild flowers and full streams and lakes made this region a delightful camping spot.

The last schedule for 1938 starts with optimism in the form of a picnic October 21, at 6 p.m., to be held in the garden of Mrs. Eva Remy, 608 North Los Robles Avenue; Mrs. K. Moore, hostess. On the following Sunday a trip will be made to Monrovia Peak by way of Monrovia Canyon and Deer Park.

Looking in a different direction from our customary trips, Sunday, November 20, will find us hiking the interesting Malibu Coast Range. Driving via North Hollywood, Girard, Agoura and Malibu Lake will bring us to Seminole Hot Springs. A swim may be enjoyed in a warm plunge at the Springs after hiking to the Lookout Tower on Castro Peak. All those wishing to go will be very welcome.

The annual meeting and election of officers will be held the last part of November. A mystery trip on Sunday, December 11, will be led by our able hiking chairman, Ed Danner, and it will be very interesting.

Information regarding the Club and details of activities may be obtained from Edna M. Green, Secretary, 870 North Wilson Avenue, Pasadena. Telephone, SY 43028.

YUCCA HIKING CLUB

The Yucca Hiking Club of Monrovia began its new hiking season with a business meeting at Chantry Flats in the heart of the Santa Anita Canyon region, followed by picnic lunch and a short hike along the old Sierra Madre trail, not much used now, but fraught with rich memories of other days when its sun-baked miles were lively with travelers, and it was one of the important trails leading into the far back country.

Weekly hiking trips will be made, Thursday being selected as the day most convenient to the largest number. The corner of Foothill and Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, will be the starting point for all trips, as heretofore, with

the hour of starting set for 8:30 a.m., unless some of the longer trips may make an earlier start advisable.

not try to lay out a definite schedule in advance. The hiking program is kept flexible and adjustable to weather conditions from week to week and to seasonal interests. It is planned to make trail-side photography a leading feature of the weekly noonday programs and discussions that are part of each hiking trip. Trail-side flowers and birds are important study-features of each trip, and plenty of time is taken for making observations, rather than making speed and long distance hiking the prime objectives.

No formality is required of any person who wishes to accompany the hiking groups; all that is necessary is to be at the starting point at the hour set, and all interested are welcome.

Activities of the past three months have been confined to picnic parties,—at San Dimas Canyon County Park and Mountain View Park,—moonlight hikes to Disappointment Peak Ridge, Henniger Flats, Barley Flats.

Irving J. Wilke, President, 134 South Encinitas Avenue; Gae M. Bobyns, Secretary, 344 Melrose Avenue; Richard Lejon Johnson, Trail Leader, 116 North Alta Vista Avenue, all of Monrovia.

SAN ANTONIO CLUB

Among the several trips taken during the Summer two stand out as particularly fine. One was a two days' trip across the summit of the range with visits to Charlton Flat, Chialo, Horse Flat, Squaw Camp, Sulphur Spring, Sheep Springs and Mt. Pacifico.

The crest of Mt. Pacifico is only a mile from a public road, the desert view from its beautifully forested summit has few equals and the surrounding forest, particularly about Sheep Springs Campground is some of the finest in Southern California.

The second hike was as easy to reach, from Crystal Lake Playground to the Mt. Islip Lookout and a return by the beautifully forested west ridge, with thrilling views of and from the great cliffs of Bear Creek and Castle Crag, towering above Crystal Lake.

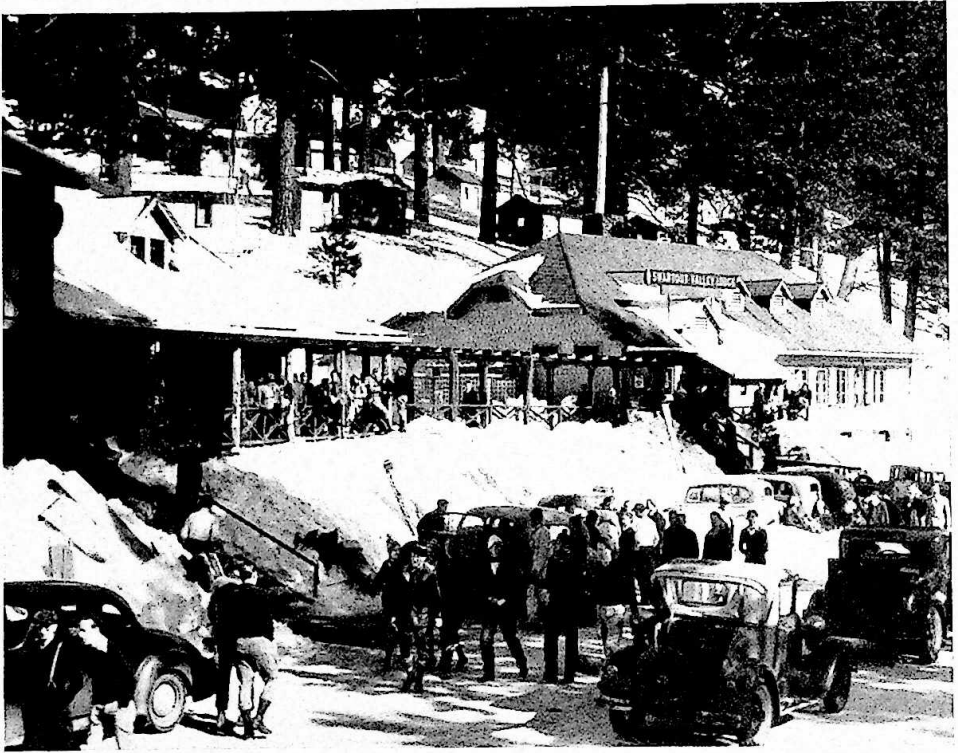
The Annual Meeting will be held the second week in November, following which there will be a new hike schedule for 1939. For information write or phone Will H. Thrall, President, 400 South Garfield, Alhambra, or Edward Coughran, Secretary, 246 South Putney, San Gabriel.



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